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CELEBRATING OUR 85 YEARS!

This year, Annunciation Cathedral is 85 years old. What an exciting time for the Cathedral! As you have read in previous issues of the Herald, issues concerning our history we originally decided to celebrate our 70th. as Annunciation (since the Cathedral, originally named "St. Sophia," became "Annunciation" in 1936.) However, as we studied our origins and discussed the importance of this history for us and for the future of the Cathedral, we decided celebrating the 85th year of our actual founding was more meaningful

Accordingly, the Parish Council decided we

should mark this special anniversary with an appropriate celebration. The celebration will take place, as originally scheduled, on Saturday, November 11, 2006. In order to properly plan the event, we are convening a meeting of our parishioners, at the Cathedral, Wednesday, March 1, beginning at 7 p.m. Please bring with you thoughts and ideas, along with your energy and willingness to plan a joyous, exciting celebration, in grand "Annunciation style," that will serve as a fitting tribute to our past, and a prelude to an ever more promising and bright future. We look forward to seeing all of you on March 1.

KALI SARAHOSTI

Of all that we do as a Christian community--and, as Orthodox Christians, a Christian community that continues the original Church, founded by Christ some 2000 years ago--worship is central. It brings us together, as family (St. Paul calls it the "Body of Christ"), to worship God, who is one, but who has made Himself known to us as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit--three Persons, One God. By worshipping together, as family, we are ennobled and enabled. That is, we are made aware of who we are--sons and daughters of God. And, we are given power to become the bearers of the Good News. What is this Good News? It is spelled out in the Bible, in such passages as the Gospel According to John, chapter 3, verse 16: "For God so loved the world that He gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him may not perish but may have eternal life." All this begins with the Birth of Jesus. We call this the Incarnation. In other words, God becoming human. It continues with his life and ministry. Then, with his betrayal, his crucifixion, and his death. But, it does not end there. Three days later, Jesus Christ is raised from the dead. He doesn't merely come back to life. In other words, he is not resuscitated, as if revived from near death or unconsciousness. No, he actually dies, but he is resurrected, that is, he is raised from death by God the Father. We call this Event "Pascha". The word "Pascha" means "Passover." So, Jesus Christ becomes the "Passover." He comes back to life, with the result that we, too, will come back to life. St. Paul puts it well in his letter to the Romans, chapter 6, verses 4 and 5: "Just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life. For if we have been united with him in a

death like this, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his." It is because of the Resurrection that the Church came into being. In a word, we are Christians because of the Resurrection. If Christ were not raised from the dead, there would be no Church.

In order to prepare to celebrate the Resurrection (this year it falls on April 23rd), the Church asks us to do a number of things. First, it asks us to step up our prayer life. This is why, in addition to the Sunday Divine Liturgy, we celebrate the Liturgy of the Presanctified every Wednesday morning, beginning at 10 a.m. Then, every Friday evening beginning March 10, for five Fridays, we hold a special prayer service which honors the one who gave birth to God in the flesh. She is Mary, Ever-Virgin, known from the earliest times as "Theotokos," i.e. "Godbearer." On the sixth Friday, we will celebrate the Divine Liturgy of the Presanctified in the evening, beginning at 6 p.m. Then, we intensify our prayer experience together by coming together day and night during Holy Week.

Second, the Church asks us to fast. Fasting, as it is spelled out in the canons, consists of eating no meat, no animal products, beginning March 6, and going right to April 23rd. It basically means becoming a vegetarian. On March 25th, known as the Annunciation, which commemorates the Archangel Gabriel's "announcement" to Mary that she would give birth to the Savior, and on Palm Sunday, we may eat fish. On Saturdays and Sundays throughout Lent (since the fasting on those days is "relaxed" just a bit) we may add oil to our food, and drink wine. Now, the Church asks us to fast both as a discipline (just as we need spiritual training by stepping up our praying), we also need to regulate what goes into our bod-

ies), but also, and this is the third point, to become merciful.

This is the third thing the Church asks us to do, to practice mercy, that is, to become more compassionate. How do we do this? By taking the money that we save from not eating those burgers, that second helping, those special treats, and giving that money, instead, to the poor, so as to heighten our sense of social consciousness. By doing this, we become more aware that we are not in this alone (that is, in the world, doing our "own thing") but we are in this together (both in the Church, as a family, and in the world, with everyone and everything in it). Now, some people may object and ask, "You mean you want me to give a dollar to every homeless person on the street?" And the answer is as we heard Jesus speak on Meatfare Sunday, from the Gospel according to St. Matthew, chapter 25, verse 40: "Just as you did it [i.e. fed the hungry and thirsty, clothed the naked, visited the sick or those in prison] to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." In a word, if we are to live meaningful lives, here and in the hereafter—we've got to try to help others, even if it's just acknowledging their existence. Kindness and compassion are the distinguishing characteristics of Christians, because God Himself is Love (1 John, chapter 4, verse 16). (Also, read St. Paul's first letter to the Corinthians, chapter 13.)

The Great Lent is an invitation, then, to receive the greatest of all gifts, the gift of salvation. May it find us earnest. In this spirit, we wish you, one and all, *kali sarakosti* (literally, a "good 40 days")—a good Great Lent, which begins March 6th.

MARCH 25th

For Orthodox Christians, and especially, Greek Orthodox Christians, March 25th is a great day. First, it marks the event known as the Annunciation. It's when the Archangel Gabriel "announced" to Mary that she would become the bearer of God in the flesh. This is why she is called Theotokos. Literally, the word means, "Birth-giver of God." For us who make up the Annunciation Cathedral family, this is an important day for us because it is the "name day" or Feast Day of our parish. As good hosts, then, you want to be on hand to greet your fellow Christians when they come to celebrate with us. This celebration will take place the evening of Friday, March 24th, when we celebrate the Great Vespers of the Annunciation (along with the 4th Stasis of the Akathist), beginning at 7 p.m. (A simple reception will follow.) The celebration continues the next morning, Saturday, March 25th, with Orthros at 9 and the Divine Liturgy at 10:15. Following the Liturgy, the Cathedral Ladies Philoptochos invites us to attend a luncheon, in our Korinthias Center, where, in addition to eating, we will have an opportunity to name a "Woman of the Year" (a long-standing Cathedral tradition), extend name day and birthday greetings, and enjoy an afternoon of fellowship.

March 25th, 1821, also marks the beginning of Greece's "declaration of independence." In reality, it marks the beginning of that nation's struggle to free itself, after 400 years of occupation by the Ottoman Turks. This gave impetus to other nations, which were

also under Ottoman occupation, to seek their freedom, as well. And, so, March 25th is a day which celebrates freedom. You don't have to be of Greek background to celebrate March 25th as independence day. But, you can understand why this day is so important to the Greek nation. At the conclusion of the Divine Liturgy, we hold a brief doxology, thanking God for the sacred gift of freedom. We invite you to celebrate with us.

DR. ANTON VRAME TO SPEAK AT CATHEDRAL MARCH 4

As previously announced, the Cathedral is pleased that **Dr. Anton Vrame**, Ph.D., Director of the Patriarch Athenagoras Orthodox Institute and Assistant Professor of Orthodox Christian Studies at the Graduate Theological Union, Berkeley, will be our first Lenten series speaker this year. He will speak, following the Liturgy, on Saturday, March 4, on the general topic: What Does it Mean to Be Orthodox? The conference will take place, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., with time for questions, discussion, and lunch. The donation will be \$10, just to cover the cost of the lunch. We look forward to Dr. Vrame's speaking, and on a topic that is pertinent and vital, especially in our growing age of relativism and, simultaneously, religious indifference and even hostility on the one hand, and an ever more vocal religious right on the other.

Dr. Vrame is a native of Chicago, holding degrees from DePaul University (B.A.) and the University of Chicago (M.A.) A 1989 graduate of Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology (M.Div.), he worked as Associate Director of the Department of religious Education, specifically focusing on the creation of the Living Our Orthodox Faith curriculum series as well as other projects of the Department. In 1997, he received the Ph.D. in Theology and Education from Boston College. He is the author of "The Educating Icon: Teaching Wisdom and Holiness in the Orthodox Way," editor of "The Orthodox Parish in America: Faithfulness to the Past, Responsible for the Future." He has published articles on issues in Christian Education in English and Greek in academic journals. He taught Christian education at Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology and St. Vladimir's Orthodox Theological Seminary. He is Vice President of the Orthodox Theological Society of America.

CATHEDRAL NEGOTIATING WITH EVENTS COORDINATOR

In its endeavor to restore the catering functions at the Cathedral, we are currently working with an events coordinator to oversee all the catered events in our facility. The responsibility of the events coordinator will consist of meeting with the clients, scheduling and overseeing the events, coordination with the caterer, and, of course, providing for decor, including linens, centerpieces and the like. In addition, the coordinator will market the facilities for baptism, wedding, and other catered functions. We hope to have come to an understanding within the next few weeks, and to announce our resumed catering at the April 2 Parish Assembly, the April issue of the Herald, and also by means of specially prepared events packet.

PHILOPTOCHOS PLANS EVENTS; PROVIDES UPDATES

Following a most successful crab feed, with some 650 people in attendance on January 20th, the Cathedral Ladies Philoptochos are continuing to make a difference, both with respect to serving within our community and with respect to reaching out to those outside our Faith, who, nevertheless, as God's people, are lifted up by our caring.

Please make a note of the following dates and times for Philoptochos-sponsored events through June. Plan to participate in as many as you can and to assist in any way you can.

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| Thursday, March 9 | 7:00 p.m. |
| General Meeting - | |
| Second Floor Conference Room | |
| Friday, March 24 | 7:00 p.m. |
| Reception following Akathyst/Vespers | |
| Saturday, March 25 | noon |
| Annunciation luncheon/
naming of Woman of the Year | |
| Thursday, April 6 | 1:00 p.m. |
| General Meeting - | |
| Second Floor Conference Room | |
| Week prior to April 23 | various times |
| Preparation of Easter breads, dying of eggs,
Paschal meal (magheritsa) | |
| Thursday, May 11 | 7:00 p.m. |
| General Meeting - | |
| Second Floor Conference Room | |
| Saturday, May 13 | 11:30 a.m. |
| Mother's Day Luncheon & Fashion Show | |
| Thursday, June 8 | 1:00 p.m. |
| General Meeting - | |
| Second Floor Conference Room. | |
| Sunday, June 18 | 12:00 noon |
| Father's Day Event | |

To further inform our communicants about the work of Philoptochos, please note that the following groups were supported during 2005: RCA (Retired Clergy Association), Kids N' Cancer, St. Basil Academy, Social Services Ministry, St. Photios Shrine, OCMC, IOCC, Hellenic College/Holy Cross school of Theology, Emergency Relief Fund, Support a Mission Priest, Cancer Fund Ministry, Ecumenical Patriarchate Appeal, Presbyteres Fund, UNICEF, Children's Cardiac Fund, St. Nicholas Ranch & Retreat Center, Women's Health & Wellness, Laguna Honda Home, Bayview Hunter's Point Day Care Center. In addition donations were made in memory of His Eminence Metropolitan Anthony and His Eminence Archbishop Iakovos, Holy Trinity Cathedral - New Orleans Katrina Hurricane, Southeast Asia Disaster. We also issued 3 scholarships totaling \$2,500 to deserving students. A total of \$33,000 was given out during 2005.

VASILOPITA

Our annual Vasilopita was held on Sunday, January 8 following Divine Liturgy. A check in the amount of \$1,500 was sent to St. Basil's Academy.

PHILOPTOCHOS MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

February and March are membership months. Please look for our table after coffee hours. The membership table will offer information regarding the philanthropic groups we support on an annual basis in addition to all of the wonderful events we sponsor.

PARISH ASSEMBLY SUNDAY, APRIL 2

Parishioners of the Annunciation Cathedral are invited to attend a Parish Assembly to be held Sunday, April 2, 2006, following the Divine Liturgy.

The agenda for the Assembly is as follows:

Opening Prayer

1. Election of Assembly Chair
2. Minutes of the November 20, 2005 Parish Assembly
3. Treasurer's Report
4. Other Reports
 - a. Stewardship
 - b. Pastoral Assistant
 - c. Catering/Hall Coordination
 - d. Custodial/cleaning
 - e. Youth
 - f. Metropolis Clergy-Laity (February 27-28)
 - g. Estate of Anne and Angelo Mountanos and Phase 2
 - h. Board of Auditors
5. Election of Nominating Committee/Board of Elections
6. Election of Delegates to the Biennial Clergy-Laity Congress
7. Old and New Business

Closing Prayer

As noted in the Regulations of the Archdiocese, only parishioners in good standing may participate in the Parish Assembly. A quorum consists of 12 members of the Parish Council, 12 additional parish members, plus the Dean. If 12 members of the Parish Council are not present, then a quorum consists of a total of 75 parishioners in good standing, whether or not they serve on the Parish Council. The Assembly is scheduled to last no more than one hour.

SERVICES IN FEBRUARY

BAPTISM

On February 4, **Snit Tecle**, daughter of **Mehary Tesfu and Afomia Foto**, was baptized. Her Godmother is **Zaid Zeray**.

Na mas zisi! Long life!

DEATH

We extend sympathies to the family of **Chris Mihalopoulos**, who fell asleep in the Lord January 29. A trisagion service was held for him February 1.

FUNERAL

Mary Duffy, widow of **William Duffy** (who died December 15, 1991), and who fell asleep in the Lord February 21, was buried February 27.

Aionia auton i mnimi! Memory eternal!

PSYCHOSAVVATA -- SATURDAYS OF SOULS

The word "psychosavvaton" means "Saturday of the Souls. The Church has designated the Saturday before Meatfare Sunday as "Saturday of the Souls." That is, a day when prayers are offered for the repose of all souls. Another "Saturday of Souls" is the day before Pentecost (that is, 50 days after Pascha--this day is the Church's "birth day). The two Saturdays which follow this first "Saturday of the Souls" (the day before Cheesefare Sunday as well as the first Saturday in the Great Lent), have also come to be known as Saturdays of the Souls. Technically, however, the Saturday before Cheesefare Sunday is the day we especially remember the souls of the monastics. The following Saturday is the Feast Day of St. Theodore "Tyro"--the Recruit; we recall the miracle which occurred through him involving boiled wheat (which we use in memorial services), enabling Christians to continue the fast.

For the last fifteen years or so, the Priests of the Annunciation Cathedral and Holy Trinity, alternately, celebrate the services on the above-mentioned Saturdays, both in their churches, respectively, as well as in the chapel of Zoodochos Peghe (the Life-Giving Fountain) on the grounds of the Greek Orthodox Memorial Park in Colma. This year, Father Stephen will celebrate the services at the Cathedral on Saturday, February 25 and on Saturday, March 4. On Saturday, March 11, he will celebrate the services at the Cemetery Chapel. He will also celebrate services at the Cemetery Chapel on Saturday, April 29, which marks the name day of the Cemetery Chapel, as well as on Saturday, June 10 (the day before Pentecost). In all cases, Orthros will begin at 9 a.m. and the Divine Liturgy and the memorial services following will begin at 10 a.m.

CATHEDRAL ENGAGES CLEANING SERVICE

Effective February 14, the Cathedral has engaged a cleaning service. ICS, which also cleans the High School here, will be responsible for the cleaning of all the Cathedral's premises, including its offices, kitchen, chapel, hall, classrooms, and bathrooms. (This is the same group that cleans up for us for special events, such as our recent Crab Feed.)

Since this is a large facility, in constant use, cleaning it and maintaining it are very important. The utilization of a cleaning service requires us, as parishioners and users of the facility, to assist. We can assist in two ways: 1. We need to be vigilant and to pick up after ourselves. Let us be careful not to throw things, such as wrappers and the like, on the ground, for example; also, let us pick up that cup or paper plate after we are done, especially at Sunday coffee hours, and toss them in the trash. 2. Let us make note of things that the cleaning service may have overlooked and bring them to the attention of the Cathedral office. The office, in turn, will point this out to the service. We have found that the service is very cooperative, so far. They are eager and willing to please us. While there is a written agreement of the scope of the work they do for us, they appreciate our pointing things out, as needed.

Meanwhile, we also appreciate the work that Phil Chiappari is now doing for us. On a time and materials basis, Phil has been going around the facility, repairing this and that (locks, door stoppers, plates, plumbing, and the like), in our continued efforts to keep our facility in tip-top shape and working order.

CATHEDRAL ENGAGES JOHN BOYER AS PASTORAL ASSISTANT

John Boyer, who, for some years has been with us as Psaltis and instructor of Byzantine Chant, has been engaged by the Cathedral as a pastoral assistant. As such, he will assist in the administration of parish activities and work with individuals and groups within the parish.

His duties will include, but not be limited to: Stewardship and Events Coordinator, and Director of Liturgy, Music and Education. The goal is to increase stewardship, strengthen existing programs and introduce new ones, such as concert and lecture series, oversee scheduling and staffing for services, acolytes, etc., and develop scores, as well as a center of ecclesiastical music at the Cathedral. (A fuller description will be disseminated at the Parish Assembly, which will be convened following the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, April 2.)

A native of Portland, Oregon, and a recent graduate of the University of California, at Berkeley, John possesses a number of gifts, especially the gift of music. His addition to the Cathedral family as a full-time member of the staff, aims to benefit the Cathedral, its parishioners, its organizations, and its programs, with a view to our continued growth and development.

CLERGY-LAITY 2006

The term "clergy-laity" refers to the gathering of clergy and lay delegates for the purpose of assisting in the administration of the church. Within the parish, this gathering takes place twice a year. We have become accustomed to calling this a "parish assembly." This term is also the one used in the Regulations of our Archdiocese.

Outside the parish, the term "clergy-laity" refers to both the gathering of clergy and lay delegates on a Metropolis level (the Metropolis of San Francisco) and on an Archdiocesan level. On a Metropolis level, this gathering takes place every year. This year, it took place February 27-28, at the St. Nicholas Ranch and Retreat Center. The Cathedral was represented at this gathering by Father Stephen, Patricia Aleck, and Jim Vorrises. The lay delegates were elected at our November, 2005 Parish Assembly.

On an Archdiocesan level, this gathering takes place every two years. This year, the Clergy-Laity will take place July 15-21 in Nashville, Tennessee. The theme chosen for this year's Biennial Clergy-Laity is "Sharing the Truth of the Gospel and the Love of Christ". It directs our minds, hearts, and preparations for the Congress to the essence of our sacred vocation in this world, which is to share the truth that illuminates the path of salvation so that all may know and receive the gift of life offered by our Lord. In the context of this year's Clergy-Laity in Nashville, a Family Synaxis will take place. It will begin Sunday, July 16

and will consist of three sessions, Monday, July 17 through Wednesday, July 19. The first session is entitled "Who is our family?" The second is entitled "Sharing the Truth of the Gospel," and the third is entitled "Christian Love" and how we should be sharing it as members of Christ's family.

The delegates to the July Clergy-Laity will be elected at our first Parish Assembly, which will take place following the Divine Liturgy on Sunday, April 2.

FESTIVAL 2006: SEPTEMBER 15, 16, 17: **NEXT MEETING MARCH 21**

Are you ready? Are you able? Are you willing? To get involved in the planning of this year's festival, to be held on our church grounds at 245 Valencia Street, San Francisco, Friday through Sunday, September 15, 16th and 17th? If so, we invite you to come to the next meeting of the planning meeting, at the Cathedral, Tuesday, March 21, at 7 p.m.

As previously announced, **Foula Vasilogiorgis** is this year's festival chairman. She will be calling on many of you who have participated in past festivals to invite your participation in the planning of this year's festival. We are confident you will respond, knowing of your abiding commitment to the Cathedral and its many programs.

In this regard, the festival is vital inasmuch as we realize some \$100,000 from it, with which to operate the church. However, you will agree, the festival is more than just about making money. It fosters our sense of community, faith and culture, which we share with our neighbors, friends, and visitors from throughout San Francisco and the Bay Area. It has resulted in many lasting friendships (not to mention a number of marriages). And, it continues to make the Annunciation Cathedral a major gathering place of people, bringing hundreds of people together at any given time. Plus, festivals are lots of fun. The planning and all the work that goes into putting them on aside, they give us much joy. That's why we keep putting them on; that's why people keep coming and coming.

See you on the 21st.

SUNDAY, APRIL 9 - GODPARENT SUNDAY: **AFFIRMATION, FOLLOWED BY** **FELLOWSHIP LUNCHEON**

Each year, over the last several years, our Stewardship Committee hosts a most meaningful event. It is called "Godparent Sunday." It is a designated Sunday, when individuals come to church with those who baptized them, i.e. their Godparents, or with those whom they baptized, i.e. their Godchildren. Together, they participate in the Divine Liturgy, recite the Symbol of the Faith, i.e. what they believe--the Nicene Creed, which is also recited at the time of Baptism. Just before receiving Holy Communion, they affirm, as they did at the time of Baptism: "I renounce Satan...I have been joined to Christ." In short, they renew their sacred bonds, which they forged at the Baptismal Font, and which they continue to cultivate throughout their lives. Following the Divine Liturgy, a lenten luncheon will

take place in our Korinthias Center, a further opportunity for bonding and fellowship. The event is open to all and is free of charge.

Avail yourselves of the opportunity of worshipping together as Godparents and as Godchildren, as we prepare to enter that most holy time of year for, on the 16th is Palm Sunday, Holy Week, and the Great and Holy Pascha.

COMMUNITY LINK: **WHO ARE WE? WHAT DO WE DO?**

Community Link is a ministry of the Annunciation Cathedral focusing on community building and outreach.

What We Do

We prepare food together, pray, share a potluck meal together, then go out to the homes of those who would like to receive a visit.

Who We Visit

Our visits include people experiencing isolation because of age or illness, undergoing a particularly stressful time due to the death of a loved one or loss of a job, or celebrating a joyful occasion, such as the birth of a child.

An Expanding Circle of Care

The idea underlying "Community Link" is an "expanding circle of care." We began by focusing on the needs of our own Cathedral community and will expand that circle of love and concern outward to include people outside our church community, seeking to respond to Christ's call to show love and mercy to our neighbors.

How do I request a visit?

If you or someone you know would like to receive a visit, please call **Irene Avdoulos**, our visitation coordinator, at (415) 863-6981. Or, you can contact the Cathedral Office at (415) 864-8000. All calls will be handled with confidentiality and sensitivity to your privacy.

How do I get involved?

Anyone who is interested in volunteering should contact **Caroline Pappajohn** at (415) 699-5633, or via email at cpappajohn@yahoo.com.

Community Link 2006 Schedule

(meet 10am at the Annunciation Cathedral Kitchen)

- o Saturday, February 18 (Gus owns food plan)
- o March 18 (Zaid owns food plan).
- Also: Dr. Tony Elite and a few others hopefully will come and talk to us about the issues the folks we visit are facing - depression, dementia, aging, etc. - so we can be better sensitized and prepared for our visits.
- o Saturday, April 15 (Shitaye owns food plan)
- o Saturday, May 20 (Ted owns food plan)
- o Saturday, June 17 (Natalie owns food plan)

(Dates for July - December will be forthcoming)

FOCUS ON YOUTH

ANNUNCIATION BASKETBALL

We are, as we know, in the throws of the basketball season. Our Junior Varsity Basketball games began January 15, and have been played at the various gyms of the parishes belonging to the OYAA (Orthodox Youth Athletic Association), as well as at the Annunciation Cathedral. Annunciation's last Junior Varsity game will be played on Sunday, March 5. Annunciation Boys B team and St. Nicholas Antiochian will play at the Cathedral, at 2:15 p.m. Meanwhile, we are gearing up for the Varsity season. A schedule of games will be disseminated among the players as soon as it comes out. It will also be available on the information rack, located in the vestibule, just outside the pangari. Finally, Annunciation is pleased to host the playoff games for the Junior Varsity. The games will be played in our Korinthias Gym Saturday, March 11, beginning at 11 a.m.

PONTIC GLENDI - A GREAT SUCCESS

The evening of Saturday, February 11 was truly amazing. Over 500 people attended the Pontic Glendi, which was hosted by Aretymata (our combined group of dancers from Arete and Kymata, which performed at the Folk Dance Festival in San Diego a week later). The key to its success was that the event was put on entirely by our young people, with assistance from their parents. (Usually, it's the other way around.) Those who attended agree that the future of our community is a promising one: the energy and commitment of our young people is engaging as it is inspiring. The future, after all, belongs to them, and, from what we saw on February 11, it is a bright one. That evening was, truly, a glendi -- a celebration. All who attended, as well as all who contributed, are to be thanked for their generosity and for their support.

Some \$10,000 was raised that evening, which enabled the group to compete in San Diego in the Advanced Senior Category. Incidentally, they performed those most difficult dances, from the region known as Pontus, very well. They have every reason to be proud of their accomplishment. The money will also help support the program, which involves workshops, practices, costumes, travel, and instrumentation. It's money well spent.

ANNUNCIATION'S ORATORICAL FESTIVAL - MARCH 19

Our parish oratorical festival will be held, as noted above, on Sunday, March 19, following the Divine Liturgy. (There will be no homily offered by the clergy that Sunday. This will enable the program to begin at 11:30 a.m., rather than at 12 noon.) The winners of the our parish festival will go on to represent

the Cathedral at the district festival. The district festival will take place at the Holy Cross Church in Belmont on April 30th. The winners of that festival will go on to represent the Metropolis. The Metropolis festival will be held at St. Nicholas Ranch May 5th - 7th.

This year Annunciation Cathedral will host the Archdiocese Festival, with finalists from throughout the Archdiocese of America, June 2nd - 4th. Wouldn't it be something if one of the participants at the Archdiocese Festival is a young person from the Cathedral?! In any case, many volunteers will be needed to help us host this event. If you can help with greeting, setting tables, or other jobs that will be necessary, please contact Denise Yeilding or Father Stephen.

As a result of the Archdiocese Oratorical Festival, this year's graduation ceremony and luncheon will be held June 11th (Pentecost Sunday). Please mark your calendars for this great family event!

TOO EARLY TO THINK OF SUMMER CAMP?

Not for the organizers of this year's camp at Ionian Village. In fact, they are offering a \$200 credit for early registrants. Two programs are offered. One is the Summer Travel Camp, for those in grades 7 through 9, and Byzantine Venture, for those in Grades 10 through 12.

For further information, please call 646 519-6190 or e mail ionianvillage@goarch.org.

YOUTH: WHAT'S GOING ON?

By Mike Canellos

As youth advisor for our Annunciation Cathedral, I am frequently asked to attend our monthly Parish Council meeting to present a brief, but hopefully informative report as to the status of our programs. Although this past month I was not scheduled on the agenda to participate, I nevertheless felt compelled to attend the meeting due to the scope and dynamics being discussed. Not only are preparations for our 2006 Festival well underway, preliminary plans for our 85th birthday celebration too, have begun. As our dance groups fervently prepare for their annual FDF performance in San Diego, the overwhelming success of their recent Glendi continues to resonate throughout the parish. Our youth basketball program continues to flourish with all our teams in contention for the March 10 - 13 OYAA playoffs. (The High School and Senior division teams are scheduled to begin on Sunday March 20th).

Our GOYA with its energetic new leaders continue to nervously prepare for their March 4th "Phil-

optochos Appreciation Dinner."

This year, the 85th birthday of our inception seems to have brought a renewed spirit of fellowship and dedication that is reflected throughout our Cathedral and its numerous ministries. It has manifested itself in many ways: through the smile and energy of our new Festival Chairperson, **Foula Vasiligiorgis**, in the restored vigor and health of Sunday School Vice Principal and Coffee Hour Coordinator, **Effie Vellis**, through the continued hard work and dedication of our Sunday School teachers, Parish Council, Stewardship Committee, Bible, dance, and athletic instructors, and the continuous philanthropic work of our incomparable Philoptochos.

Yet, rather than rest upon past laurels and successes, our Parish Council is currently in the process of initiating some new and dynamic additions. Under a new format, the Cathedral will soon be resuming its catering and hall rental program. A new janitorial service has been contracted to meet our custodial needs at a fraction of the previous cost. The money

saved from this previous expenditure will enable the Annunciation to engage the diverse and multi talents of **John Boyer** on a full time basis. John, who currently has been serving the Annunciation as Cantor, will not only be assisting **Father Stephen** with liturgical operations, but will also be directly working with our various ministries to insure their continued success. Before concluding their meeting, the Parish Council announced that **Phil Chiappari** had agreed to accept the position of "Maintenance Supervisor". It is only fitting that our Annunciation also be given a new glow to match the one on its parishioners' faces.

As the meeting concluded with a prayer of thanks and continued health, I began to walk down the hallway where I casually glanced through the windows overlooking our beautiful Korinthias Hall. It was almost 11:00pm, and to my surprise there were over 20 young adults still practicing basketball.

As I paused for a moment to observe them, I could feel in my heart that our Lord truly has bestowed upon his Annunciation a special blessing for her 85th birthday.

SUNDAY SCHOOL DATES UNTIL JUNE

Please note the following Sunday School schedule for the next few months. Meanwhile, we thank our teaching staff,, our parents, and our children, for your continued participation and support.

Monday, March 6	Great Lent Begins	Weekday services, especially Friday evenings, encouraged
Sunday, March 12	Sunday of Orthodoxy	Process with icons brought from home
Sunday, March 19	St. John Oratorical Festival	
Saturday, March 25	Feast of Annunciation	
Sunday, March 26	Sunday of the Cross,	Children process with crosses made in Sunday School or brought from home
Friday, April 14	6 pm Presanct. Liturgy	Children participate in the readings, followed by Lenten Supper
Saturday, April 15	10 am Sat. of Lazarus,	Divine Liturgy, followed by Palm tying
Sunday, April 16	Following Liturgy	Class photos taken
Wednesday, April 19	4 p.m.	Children's Holy Unction Service
Friday, April 21	Holy Friday	T.G.I.Pascha events 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.
June 2, 3, 4	Various times	Archdiocese Oratorical Festival
Sunday, June 11	Following Liturgy	Sunday School Graduation/Luncheon

ΝΕΑ ΤΟΥ ΕΥΑΓΓΕΛΙΣΜΟΥ

ΤΑ 85 ΜΑΣ ΧΡΟΝΙΑ

Όπως είναι γνωστόν, η Κοινότητά μας, ο Ιερός Καθεδρικός Ναός--Ευαγγελισμός της Θεοτόκου, ιδρύθηκε το 1921, 100 χρόνια μετά την ελληνική Επανάσταση. Η ονομασία του ήτο ο Ιερός Καθεδρικός Ναός--Αγία Σοφία. Αφού το 1927 μεταφέρθηκε στην παρούσα θέση του στην Οδό Βαλέντσια, το 1936 άλλαξε ονομασία και έγινε Ευαγγελισμός. Αυτά είναι γνωστά ιστορικά γεγονότα.

Είχαμε πει, αρχικά, να γιορτάσουμε τα 70 χρόνια από τότε που η Κοινότητα ονομάστηκε Ευαγγελισμός. Κατόπιν αρκετής σκέψης και συζήτησης, αποφασίσαμε να γιορτάσουμε τα 85 χρόνια από την ίδρυσή της. Ο εορτασμός θα γίνει το Σάββατο 11 Νοεμβρίου. Την Τετάρτη, 1 Μαρτίου θα συνέλθει η επιτροπή η οποία θα αποφασίσει πού θα γίνει ο εορτασμός, ως και ακριβώς πως θα εορτάσουμε, π.χ. με δείπνο; με μουσική; με ομιλίες; με ποιούς προσκεκλημένους; κλπ. Θα θέλαμε να ακούσουμε και από σας. Ελάτε, λοιπόν, στη συνεδρίαση αυτή, ώστε να προγραμματίσουμε έναν εορτασμό καθώς πρέπει.

ΚΑΛΗ ΣΑΡΑΚΟΣΤΗ

Στις 6 Μαρτίου αρχίζει η μεγάλη πορεία προς το Πάσχα. Λέγεται Σαρακοστή (στην εκκλησιαστική γλώσσα "Τεσσαρακοστή"). 40 ημέρες (εκτός από Σάββατα και Κυριακές) προετοιμασίας. Η Εκκλησία γνωρίζει καλά ότι, για να επιτύχει ο άνθρωπος κάτι που αξίζει, αυτό απαιτεί την ανάλογη προετοιμασία. Αυτό που επιδιώκουμε (και αυτό που θέλει ο ίδιος ο Θεός, γι' αυτό και έγινε άνθρωπος) είναι η σωτηρία μας. Η Σαρακοστή θα πει περισσότερη (και πιο έντονη) προσευχή (γι' αυτό τελούνται οι Προηγιασμένες Θείες Λειτουργίες, ακόμα και οι Χαιρετισμοί (οι Λειτουργίες κάθε Τετάρτη πρωί στις 10· οι Χαιρετισμοί κάθε Παρασκευή στις 7). Η Σαρακοστή θα πει νηστεία (όχι κρέατα, ούτε γαλακτερά, για 40 μέρες, εκτός από τις 25 Μαρτίου και την Κυριακή των Βαΐων, όταν τρώμε ψάρι). Νηστεία, αυστηρή νηστεία, επειδή ο ανθρώπινος οργανισμός χρειάζεται την κάθαρση (όπως ο νους και η διάνοια χρειάζονται την άσκηση), αλλά και επειδή (και αυτό είναι ακόμα πιο σπουδαίο) ο άνθρωπος για να σωθεί πρέπει να συμβάλει στην ζωή του συνανθρώπου του. Δεν μας το είπε ο ίδιος ο Χριστός, την Κυριακή της Απόκριω, "Εφ' όσον έποιήσατε ἐνὶ τούτων τῶν ἀδελφῶν μου τῶν ἐλαχίστων, ἐμοὶ ἐποιήσατε". Η Μεγάλη Σαρακοστή είναι πρόσκλησις και της Εκκλησίας και του ίδιου του Κυρίου, όπως δεχθούμε το πιο πολύτιμο δώρο που έχει να μας δώσει--την αγάπη Του, που είναι η σωτηρία μας. Ας μας αξιώσει, όπως λέει η Οπισθάμβωνος Ενχή της Προηγιασμένης Θείας Λειτουργίας, να φθάσουμε την Ανάσταση. Με αυτό το πνεύμα, ευχόμαστε σε όλους, Καλή Σαρακοστή.

Η 25Η ΜΑΡΤΙΟΥ

"Η διπλή αυτή Εορτή--θρησκευτική και εθνική--αφορά τον κάθε Έλληνα Ορθόδοξο, ακόμα και όλη την ανθρωπότητα, διότι είναι η Εορτή της ελευθερίας. Ο Ευαγγελισμός της Θεοτόκου είναι εορτασμός-ανάμνησις εκείνου του γεγονότος που τόσο σεμνά, τόσο συγκινητικά, τόσο γραφικά περιγράφει ο Ευαγγελιστής Λουκάς--ο Αρχάγγελος Γαβριήλ παρουσιάζεται στην Μαρία και της λέει είναι θέλημα Θεού όπως συ δεχθείς να γεννήσεις (ανθρώπινα) τον Ιησού, τον Σωτήρα, τον Υιό του Θεού, τόν ίδιο τον Θεό! Με το ναι που είπαι η Μαρία (Θεοτόκος διότι έτεκε τον Θεό) και Παρθένος (η ίδια ρώτησε τον άγγελο, μα πως θα γίνει αυτό, εφ' όσον είμαι παρθένος, είμαι μικρή, δεν είμαι

παντρεμένη;) με αυτό το "ναι", ο Θεός ελευθερώνει τον άνθρωπο, από την αμαρτία, ακόμα και από τον θάνατο. Μιά τέτοια μέρα ευδόκησε ο Θεός όπως ευλευθερώσει τον Ελληνικό Λαό από την δουλεία 400 χρόνων. Μάλιστα, το 1821 άρχισε η πορεία προς την ελευθερία. Η Ελλάδα πολέμησε χρόνια (και ακόμα πολέμα) να ελευθερώσει τα ελληνικά εδάφη.

Καλείσθε όπως έλθετε στον Καθεδρικό Ναό, που επίσης εορτάζει αυτή την ημέρα, την Παρασκευή 24 Μαρτίου για τον Μεγάλο Εσπερινό, στις 7. (Επειδή είναι Παρασκευή της Μεγάλης Σαρακοστής, θα ψάλλουμε και την τέταρτη Στάση των Χαιρετισμών, σύμφωνα με το Τυπικόν της Εκκλησίας μας). Μετά τον Εσπερινό, θα επακολουθήσει μια μικρή, σχετική, δεξίωση--καφές, παξιμάδια, φρούτα. Ανήμερα της Εορτής, το Σάββατο, 25 Μαρτίου, ο Όρθρος θα αρχίσει στις 9 το πρωί. Η Θεία Λειτουργία θα τελεσθεί στη συνέχεια, από τις 10:15 το πρωί, και στο τέλος θα ψάλλουμε την συνηθισμένη Δοξολογία, ευχαριστώντας τον Θεό για το μεγάλο αυτό δώρο της ελευθερίας. Θα επακολουθήσει γεύμα στην Κοινοτική μας αίθουσα, στο οποίο καλείσθε να παρακαθήσετε, εφ' όσον θα ονομάσουμε και την "Γυναικα του Έτους," όπως κάνουμε κάθε χρόνο. Σας αναμένουμε.

ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΗ ΠΑΡΕΛΑΣΗ ΣΤΗ 1 ΑΠΡΙΛΙΟΥ

Καλείσθε (μάλιστα, παροτρύνεσθε) όπως παρευρεθείτε και λάβετε μέρος εις την Παρέλαση που οργανώνεται με την έπετειο της Ελληνικής Παλιγεννεσίας. Η παρέλαση αυτή θα λάβει χώρα το Σάββατο 1 Απριλίου, 11 το πρωί έως τη 1 το απόγευμα, ξεκινώντας από τη Μάρκετ, γονεία Μεύσον και προχωρώντας μέχρι το δημαρχείο, όπου θα επακολουθήσει δεξίωσις, από τη 1:30 μ.μ. έως τις 3:30 μ.μ. Η είσοδος είναι ελεύθερα. Για περισσότερες πληροφορίες, τηλεφωνείτε στον κ. Ηλιόπουλο, στο 925 372-8067 ή στην κ. Δρόσου, στο 925 932-3567. Για ερωτήματα σχετικά με το όλο πρόγραμμα, τηλεφωνείτε στον κ. Λαλιώτη, στο 650 941-1890.

ΤΑ ΨΥΧΟΣΑΒΒΑΤΑ

Έχουμε μάθει ότι τα τρία Σάββατα, από το Σάββατο-παραμονή της Κυριακής της Απόκριω μέχρι και το πρώτο Σάββατο της Μεγάλης Σαρακοστής, είναι Ψυχοσάββατα...πρώτο, δεύτερο, τρίτο. Κανονικά, το πρώτο είναι Ψυχοσάββατο, κατά το οποίο προσευχόμαστε (κάνουμε μνημόσυνο) για την ανάπαυση όλων των πεθαμένων. Το δεύτερο Σάββατο, παραμονή της Κυριακής της Τυροφάγου, "μνήμην επιτελοῦμεν πάντων τῶν ἐν ἀσκήσει λαμψάντων ὁσίων καὶ θεοφόρων Πατέρων ἡμῶν". Και το τρίτο Σάββατο, "ἀνάμνησιν ποιούμεθα τοῦ διὰ τῶν κολλύβων γενομένου θαύματος παρὰ τοῦ ἁγίου μεγαλομάρτυρος Θεοδώρου τοῦ Τύρωνος". Υπάρχει και άλλο Ψυχοσάββατο--παραμονή της Μεγάλης Πεντηκοστής.

Όπως έχουμε κάνει τώρα και αρκετά χρόνια, οι ιερείς του Καθεδρικού Ναού και της Αγίας Τριάδος, εναλλάξ λειτουργούν στους ναούς τους και στο παρεκκλήσι του Ελληνικού Νεκροταφείου. Εφέτος, ο Πατέρας Στυλιανός θα λειτουργήσει στον Καθεδρικό Ναό το Σάββατο 25 Φεβρουαρίου ως και το Σάββατο 4 Μαρτίου. Στις 11 Μαρτίου, θα λειτουργήσει στο παρεκκλήσι του Ελληνικού Νεκροταφείου, ως και το Σάββατο 29 Απριλίου (για την εορτή του παρεκκλησίου, που ονομάζεται της Ζωοδόχου Πηγής). Επίσης, ο Πατέρας Στυλιανός θα λειτουργήσει στο παρεκκλήσι του Ελληνικού Νεκροταφείου και το Ψυχοσάββατο, 10 Ιουνίου (ημέρα πρίν την Πεντηκοστή). Όλα αυτά τα Σάββατα, και στον Καθεδρικό Ναό και στο παρεκκλήσι του Ελληνικού Νεκροταφείου, ο Όρθρος θα αρχίσει στις 9 το πρωί, και η Θεία Λειτουργία θα αρχίσει στις 10 το πρωί. Στο τέλος κάθε Θείας Λειτουργίας (εκτός από το Σάββατο 29 Απριλίου) θα τελέσουμε μνημόσυνο.

ΓΕΝΙΚΗ ΣΥΝΕΛΕΥΣΗ ΣΤΙΣ 2 ΑΠΡΙΛΙΟΥ

Τα μέλη του Καθεδρικού Ναού καλούνται όπως παρευρεθούν και λάβουν μέρος εις την Γενική Συνέλευση των μελών, την Κυριακή 2 Απριλίου μετά την Θεία Λειτουργία εις την Κοινοτική μας Αίθουσα. Η ημερησία διάταξις έχει ως ακολούθως:

Προσευχή

1. Εκλογή Προέδρου
2. Πρακτικά της Γενικής Συνελεύσεως της 20ης Νοεμβρίου 2005
3. Αναφορά Ταμία
4. Αναφορές
 - α. Επιτροπής Στεωαρδισιπ
 - β. Ιερατικού Βοηθού
 - γ. Προμήθειας τροφίμων-συντονισμού αίθουσας
 - δ. Καθαρίσματος
 - ε. Νεολαίας
 - ζ. Κληρικολαϊκής Συνελεύσεως (27-28 Φεβρουαρίου)
 - η. Κληροδότιμα Άννας και Ευάγγελου Μουντάνου· δευτέρα φάσις οικοδομής
 - θ. Εξελεγκτικής Επιτροπής

5. Εκλογή Ονομαστικής-Εφορευτικής Επιτροπής
6. Εκλογή Εκπροσώπων εις την Κληρικο-Λαϊκή Συνέλευση της Αρχιεπισκοπής
7. Παλαιά και Νέα Θέματα

9 ΑΠΡΙΛΙΟΥ: ΗΜΕΡΑ ΑΝΑΔΟΧΩΝ-ΑΝΑΔΕΚΤΩΝ

Όπως κάθε χρόνο, έτσι και εφέτος, στις 9 Απριλίου, θα τηρήσουμε, ως έχει καθοριστεί, ημέρα γνωστή ως "Ημέρα Αναδόχων-Αναδεκτών". Καλείσθε, εάν είσθε ανάδοχοι, αυτή την ημέρα να εκκλησιασθείτε με τα αναδεκτά σας και αντιθέτως, να εκκλησιασθείτε με τους νονούς ή με τις νονές σας, έτσι ώστε ομοφώνως να πούμε μαζί ξανά το "Ἀποτάσσομαι" στο "Ἀποτάσσει τῷ Σατανᾷ;" και το "Συντάσσομαι" στο "Συντάσσει τῷ Χριστῷ;" και στη συνέχεια να λάβουμε τα Ἀχραντα Μυστήρια--το Σώμα και Αἷμα του Χριστού. Ἐτσι, προετοιμασμένοι ψυχικά και σωματικά, να συνεχίσουμε την πορεία μας προς τη Ανάσταση. Στο τέλος της Θείας Λειτουργίας θα λάβει χώρα ένα ελαφρύ γεύμα στην Κοινοτική μας Αίθουσα, που προσφέρει η Κοινότητα μας, συγκεκριμένα η επιτροπή Στεωαρδισιπ, δωρεάν.

VIVIAN VELLIS, AT 90, RECALLS MOMENTS IN THE CATHEDRAL'S HISTORY

You may recall that Vivian Vellis, one of our "Mothers of the Year," lived to be 101. When she was 90, she dictated some thoughts about her life experiences. Among them was the following excerpt concerning the Cathedral's origins:

"My parents, two sisters and myself came to San Francisco in 1907, the year after the earthquake. My father was a psalti from the island of Marmara, in Turkey. Since he had no other profession, he became a psalti at the Holy Trinity church, located on Seventh and Folsom Streets. Part of the church was damaged by the fire and earthquake and was being repaired. The priest was Father Constantinos Tsapralis and there [were] very few Greeks in the area.

"At that time there was no Archdiocese and no Uniform Parish Regulations, so the church members did what they wanted. Politics was very strong and the priest and members took sides, which divided the membership. Some people sided with the King of Greece (Constantine the 1st), while the others sided with the Prime Minister (Venizelos). As a result, the community was divided into "Basilikos" and "Venizelos" parties. The church became so divided that about 1921 another church was built, on Pierce Street, and was named St. Sophia, composed mainly of "Venizelos" supporters. The first priest at St. Sophia was Father Calistos from Calavritta, Greece. He was later elevated to the rank of Bishop.

"After a few years St. Sophia became too small as the membership grew. They decided to move to a larger place and found the Valencia Street Theater in 1932-33 [actually, 1927]. The committee investigated the sale of the theater and asked Mr. Giannini of the Bank of America [then, the Bank of Italy] to get a loan. They were told that the bank does not give loans for churches, unless they had a co-signer. Mr. Chris Catharios became a co-signer, and the theater was bought with his help.

"After Father Calistos, Father Caravelas arrived, and a lot of remodeling was done to the inside and outside of the building to convert the theater into a suitable church. The temblo, that is, the wall between the altar and the front

of the church, was made of walnut and constructed by Mr. Gus Dravilas, a private contractor. All the icons on the iconostasion were made and handpainted by Basilios Tsavalas.

"Some time later, Father Vasilios Lokis became the Priest at Annunciation and persuaded Father Tsapralis at Holy Trinity to come and join him at Annunciation. In 1939, Archbishop Athenagoras came to San Francisco to consecrate the church, which was now known as the "United Greek Community of San Francisco." During the consecration, the first seven or eight pews were reserved for seven dollars per person. The rest of the pews were free, but you had to be there by 9 a.m. if you wanted to get a seat. After some prayers were read in church, we all went downstairs to the street level. Then, the Archbishop took a long wooden pole, knocked on the closed doors, blessed the doors with holy oil and named the church "Annunciation." Then the doors opened, and the people went upstairs to continue the Liturgy. It was a beautiful and impressive service, and I am glad that my mother, my husband and myself could attend.

"When Father Tsapralis died, a few years later, he was given a solemn funeral, and was honored as a Protoporos, a [pioneer] priest in San Francisco."

GREEK PARADE SATURDAY, APRIL 1

You are cordially invited, and encouraged, to attend this year's Independence Day Hellenic Cultural Celebration and Parade on the occasion of the 185th anniversary of Greek Independence, on Saturday, April 1. The schedule is as follows: 11 - 1, The Parade from Market and Mason to City Hall; 1:30 - 3:00. Celebration/Reception, City Hall, North Light Court.

The parade and reception are free of charge. For parking it is suggested using the Civic Center Plaza underground garage. Shuttle buses from City Hall to the parade site at Market/Mason will run from 9:30 to 10:30. For further information concerning the parade, please contact Lou Eliopoulos at 925/372-8067 or Margo Drosos at 925/932-3547. For information concerning the overall program, please contact Ted Laliotis, at 650 941-1890.

WHAT MAKES US ORTHODOX?



LENTEN TALK BY ANTON C. VRAME, Ph.D.

DIRECTOR OF THE PATRIARCH ATHENAGORAS ORTHODOX INSTITUTE
(P.A.O.I.) AT THE GRADUATE THEOLOGICAL UNION, BERKELEY

DATE:

SATURDAY MARCH 4, 2006

TIME:

11:00 A.M. TO 3:00 P.M.

(LITURGY AT 10:00 A.M.)

(PSYHOSAVVATON/
SATURDAY OF SOULS)

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SAN FRANCISCO

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Plan to attend this exciting and engaging conference. There will be ample time for Dr. Vrame's presentation, as well as time for questions, answers, and, of course, lunch. (Your donation of \$10 will cover the cost of lunch and expenses for the conference.) We look forward to welcoming you to this event, on a topic that is pertinent and vital, especially in our growing age of relativism and, simultaneously, religious indifference and even hostility on the one hand, and an ever more vocal religious right on the other. It's time we ask, What makes us Orthodox?

Dr. Vrame is a native of Chicago, holding degrees from DePaul University (B.A.) and the University of Chicago (M.A.). A 1989 graduate of Holy Cross Greek Orthodox School of Theology (M. Div.), he worked as Associate Director of Religious Education, specifically focusing on the creation of the Living Our Orthodox Faith curriculum series as well as other projects. In 1997, he received a Ph.D. in Theology and Education from Boston College. He is the author of "The Educating Icon: Teaching Wisdom and Holiness in the Orthodox Way," and editor of "The Orthodox Parish in America: Faithfulness to the Past, Responsible for the Future." He has published articles on issues in Christian Education in English and Greek in academic journals. He is Vice President of the Orthodox Theological Society of America.

Annunciation Cathedral Calendar of Events

March 2006

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	SUNDAY SCHEDULE 9 am - Orthros 9 - Inquirers' Class 10:30 - Divine Liturgy 10:30 - Sunday School 12:30 - Greek Bible Study					2nd SATURDAY OF SOULS 9 - Orthros 10 - Liturgy 11 - 3 - Seminar: 5 - GOYA Dinner to honor Philoptochos
Dance Practice as scheduled	GREAT LENT BEGINS	Dance Practice as scheduled Basketball Practice as scheduled	10 - Presanctified Divine Liturgy 7 - Byzantine Chant 7:30 - OYAA 7:30 - GOYA Meeting	Basketball Practice as scheduled 7 - Philoptochos Meeting 7-Learning Community 7-Archdiocese Oratorical Festival Meeting 7:30 - GOYA Meeting	7 - First Salutations w/ Metropolitan Gerasimos	3rd SATURDAY OF SOULS 10 - Liturgy at Cemetery Chapel Basketball Playoffs @ Cathedral
5	6	+ 7	8	9	+ 10	11
Dance Practice as scheduled		Dance Practice as scheduled Basketball Practice as scheduled	7 - Byzantine Chant 7 - Parish Council Basketball Practice as scheduled	Basketball Practice as scheduled 7-Learning Community	7 - Second Salutations	18
12	13	+ 14	+ 15	+ 16	17	
Annunciation Oratorical Festival		9 - 5 PAOI Women's Board Meeting	10 - Presanctified Divine Liturgy			FEAST OF THE ANNUNCIATION 9 - Orthros 10 - Liturgy & Doxology - Luncheon to follow - "Woman of the Year"
Dance Practice as scheduled		Dance Practice as scheduled Basketball Practice as scheduled	7 - Byzantine Chant Basketball Practice as scheduled	Basketball Practice as scheduled 7-Learning Community	7 - Great Vespers and Third Salutations - Reception to follow	25
19	20	21	22	23	24	
Dance Practice as scheduled		Dance Practice as scheduled Basketball Practice as scheduled	10 - Presanctified Divine Liturgy 7 - Byzantine Chant Basketball Practice as scheduled	Basketball Practice as scheduled 7-Learning Community	7 - Fourth Salutations	
26	27	+ 28	29	30	+ 31	

DATES
TO REMEMBER

APRIL 23, 2006

Holy Pascha

JUNE 2-4, 2006

*Archdiocese National
Oratorical Festival*

JUNE 11, 2006

Sunday School Graduation

JUNE 18, 2006

Father's Day Event

SEPTEMBER 15-17, 2006

Annual Food Festival

NOVEMBER 11, 2006

85th Anniversary Gala

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